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Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

It's time to stop penalizing commercial success.

The government has ostensibly pursued this case on behalf of consumers; however, the very consumers it has sought to protect are being harmed by the detrimental impact the case has had on the technology market and the entire national economy.

Furthermore, America's taxpayers have had to fund this prosecution, diverting government funds from investigating harmful antitrust violations and illegitimate monopolies.

The proposed settlement encourages consumer product-choice, promotes product innovation, and provides non-Microsoft related computer and software manufacturers with confidence in marketing their own products. It also frees up Department of Justice resources to pursue antitrust violations that currently harm the public.

Some of the State Attorneys General want to continue this litigation: Don't let them!

Let the case be settled as proposed and accepted by 9 of the 18 State Attorneys General.

I chose to only use some of the Microsoft products available plus products by other manufacturers and did it all with out a court hearing or judgement. I'm sure there are more pressing things to be handled by the court system,especially since we have so many vacancies on the Federal Benches.

Sincerely,

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